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To: Members of the Transportation Committee

Re: Tweed-New Haven Airport

As a frequent business air traveler, I often need to reach destinations that are distant from large hub airports. To reduce drive time to a minimum, I utilize small regional airports to create an efficient itinerary. We have the potential for such convenience for inbound passengers at Tweed-New Haven Airport. The tens of thousands of residents in Greater New Haven would likewise benefit from expansion of air service there.

As Past Chairman of the Tweed-New Haven Airport Authority, I am keenly aware of the opportunities this facility presents for South Central Connecticut. The economic benefit to the region from enhanced air service is well-documented. At a time when job preservation and job creation are crucial to the Connecticut economy, such improvements at Tweed are stimulative as well as sustainable.

As a regular traveler through Bradley, I support improvements there as well. Terminal A and the parking garage bring Bradley on par with modern airports in most mid-sized cities. While additional projects are planned (and needed) there, I believe the State of Connecticut will greatly benefit from an air service policy that develops Tweed as well as Bradley, a position supported by the Connecticut Transportation Strategy Board, where I serve as a Member.

I appreciate your efforts in helping to develop an improved and efficient transportation system in our State.

Sincerely,

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Executive Vice President



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